



STATEMENT ON ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FRAUD, FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT AND ANY OTHER FORMS OF MALPRACTICE

As an international and intergovernmental organization, the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) operates in Africa's Sahara-Sahel region and provides a platform for North-South-South partnerships aimed at strengthening the capacity of African member countries to address environmental challenges as part of a long-term and sustainable development vision for the region. OSS works with its member countries according to the principle of subsidiarity acting as both an initiator and a facilitator of partnerships to address common environmental challenges.

OSS considers any kind of corruption and fraud as very detrimental to the realization of its mission. For this purpose, the Organization has adopted a Whistleblowing (anti-fraud) Policy and has implemented precautionary measures to prevent any malpractice in its procedures or activities. The Whistleblowing Policy aims to strengthen the integrity system in all the operations of OSS and to fight against corruption and other wrongful acts. The Policy also provides assurance that whistleblowers are protected against retaliation of any form.

In order to put into practice the general rules and guidance of the Whistleblowing Policy, OSS has set up a procedure which defines the process preconized to report any reprehensible practice and investigate corruption allegations, fraud and any other breaches.

Taking into consideration the Whistleblowing Policy and procedure, I, the undersigned, on behalf of OSS, hereby commit to observe the highest ethical, moral and legal standards within the Organization as well as within the projects, programs and activities it funds and coordinates.

Executive Secretary

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References :

OSS Whistleblowing policy
OSS Whistleblowing procedure